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Application No. 09/755,313
Filed 12/27/2000
Inventor Kenneth Bolam
Docket No.: EXT.462C1.US

Enclosed please find:

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37 CFR 1.312 After Allowance Amendment (3 pages)
Substitute pages 36 and 37 of the Specification (2 pages)

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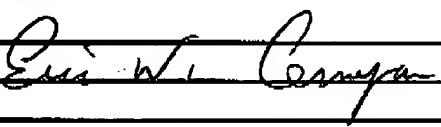
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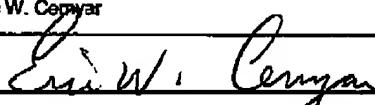
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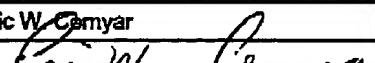
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**37 CFR 1.312 AFTER ALLOWANCE AMENDMENT AND PETITION
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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION**

In Response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification (PTO-1631) dated August 9, 2004, Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of this 37 CFR 1.312 amendment deleting the paragraph in the brief description referring to Fig. 12. This amendment was not earlier presented because the inconsistency was not earlier noted by the PTO and the undersigned did realize, until now, that there was any inconsistency. The Detailed Description, it should be noted, makes no reference to Fig. 12, and thus the inconsistency is easily overlooked.

Applicants also wish to note that the undersigned received a phone call from Examiner Tawana Mills asking for new copies of pages 36 and 37 of the specification, because the PTO's copies are unclear. The Applicants' own *paper-file* copy of pages 36 and 37 are also unclear – revealing an apparent copying error in which parts of pages 36 and 37 were copied onto a single page. The undersigned has, however, obtained an electronic copy of the specification from the attorney who drafted and filed the application, and printed out pages 36 and 37 again.

Therefore, Applicants also petition the Commissioner to accept the accompanying substitute pages 36 and 37 for the pages in the PTO's file.¹ This substitution does not add new matter because the text of pages 36 and 37 is identical to the corresponding text of the parent application 08/751,170, now U.S. Patent No. 5,951,502. See U.S. Patent No. 5,951,502, col. 12, line 54 – col. 13, line 53. Note that the first paragraph of the specification states that the

¹ For reasons the undersigned does not understand, the undersigned's word processing software blocks out the line numbers.

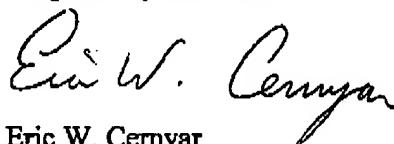
application is a continuation-in-part of 08/751,170. The substitute pages should also correspond with the miscopied pages in the PTO's file.

This substitution was not earlier proposed because the undersigned did not know that the PTO's own copy of pages 36 and 37 was unclear until notified yesterday.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee that may be required, including the required section 1.17(i) fee, to Kinetic Concepts' deposit account no. 500-326.

The Amendment to the Specification is provided on page 3 of this paper.

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